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100 Trudovak soldiers were transferred from Bukhovo to [redacted] 25X1
 [redacted] Zhivovtsi. Their health had been obviously impaired by 25X1
 exposure to uranium radiation and they looked very weak, pale, and
 sickly; however, they were very dissatisfied with their transfer from
 Bukhovo. According to the Trudovaks, they had earned "fantastically"
 high salaries at Bukhovo which amounted to 2,500 to 3,000 leva a
 month. The average civilian laborer earned only one-fourth of that
 amount each month. In addition to the high wages, these Trudovaks
 had been billeted in very good quarters and had received much better
 food than the average Bulgarian Army soldier. Normally, Trudovak
 soldiers received very little pay. After several weeks of digging
 trenches in the open, the health of the Trudovaks improved consider-
 ably.

4. [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] treated mine workers from Bukhovo for bleeding gums caused by 25X1
 uranium radiation.

5. [redacted] it was common knowledge to the man-in-the- 25X1
 street that uranium was being mined in the Bukhovo area.

6. It was generally known that Soviet specialists were in charge of the 25X1
 Bukhovo mining enterprise. These Soviets presumably lived in Sofia 25X1
 with their families. [redacted] these Soviets had partici-
 pated in the hiring of workers for Bukhovo but [redacted] the politi25X1
 cal background of the workers was never questioned if they worked
 hard and maintained their norms. 25X1

7. [redacted] approximately 30 closed railroad cars of ore were shipped each week 25X1
 to Black Sea ports for transshipment to the USSR. [redacted] 25X1
 [redacted] these railroad cars returned to Bukhovo in spotless condition.
 The soldiers commented about the manner in which the cars were washed
 and cleaned when they were returned to Bukhovo. [redacted] 25X1
 [redacted] these railroad cars were typical Bulgarian rolling-stock. 25X1

8. [redacted] the quality of the ore mined at the Bukhovo mines 25X1
 was very good (ochen khoroshoye) [redacted]

9. Trudovak soldiers claimed that security measures were so strict in 25X1
 the area that it was impossible to carry off even the smallest piece
 of uranium ore. No explanation was given [redacted] regarding the 25X1
 means of controlling ore pilferage. Bulgarian newspapers never pub-
 lished any information relating to this mining project. 25X1

10. [redacted]

[redacted] 10 to 15 buses, with a capacity of 30-40
 persons each, departed from Lenin Square in Sofia every morning and
 returned to that point in the evening. [redacted]

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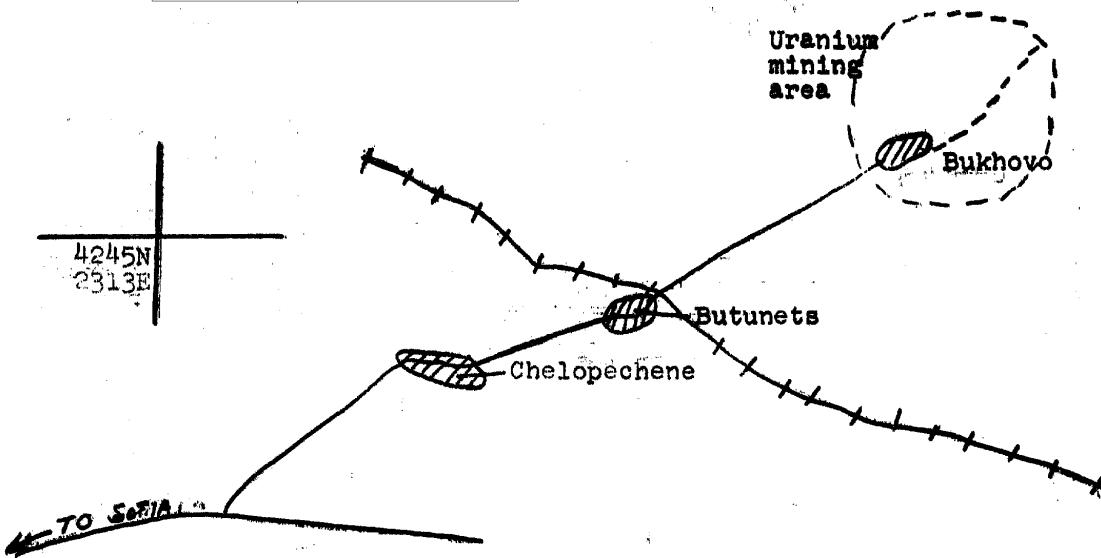
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